

21.1 Prepositional Phrases • Practice 1

Adjective Phrases A phrase is a group of words, without a subject and verb, that acts as one part of speech. An adjective phrase is a prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or pronoun by telling what kind or which one.

ADJECTIVE PHRASES
<p>The woman <i>with the tan briefcase</i> is the mayor. (Which woman?)</p> <p>We have always liked the big house <i>on the hill</i>. (Which house?)</p>

Adverb Phrases An adverb phrase is a prepositional phrase that modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb by pointing out where, when, in what manner, or to what extent.

ADVERB PHRASES
<p><i>After the game</i>, we went <i>into town</i>. (Went when? Went where?)</p> <p>Tanya felt good <i>about her report card</i>. (Good to what extent?)</p>

Exercise 1 Identifying Adjective Phrases. Underline the adjective phrase in each sentence below. Circle the noun or pronoun it modifies.

EXAMPLE: Someone should water the flower bed in the front yard.

- Only one of us can play the guitar.
- Several houses on our street have decks.
- Each student will write a report about a different capital.
- Louise gave a surprise party for Mary.
- My grandmother collects teacups from different countries.
- The bike in the shop window is expensive.
- The only difference between Gerri and her twin sister is their names.
- Someone just bought that empty lot down the street.
- Eddy made a statue of a bird.
- The top of the wall is barbed wire.

Exercise 2 Identifying Adverb Phrases. Underline the adverb phrase in each sentence below. Circle the word it modifies.

EXAMPLE: After our long workout, we collapsed.

- This coupon is good for another month.
- Our next-door neighbors moved to New Mexico.
- After all your hard work, you deserve a vacation.
- With your help, I finished the job.
- After high school, my sister became a computer programmer.
- We arrived at the theater early.
- With only slight hesitation, Diane approached the microphone.
- Peter quickly slipped under the gate.
- Outside the theater a large crowd watched the arriving celebrities.
- We sometimes drive far into the country.